

Minutes 2/9/22

Present: Nicola Blake, Sue Hruby, Kate Warner. *Richard Andre for latter part.*

Absent: Ron Dagostino

Guest: Jeffrey DuBard

1. Discussion of PACE program with Jeffrey DuBard. JD has been a real estate developer in Boston for 20 years.

Wants town to adopt the Property Assessed Clean Energy program.

Applies to commercial, non-profit and multi-family projects (over 4 units)

Can be up to 1/3 of project costs. Lien on property- paid back same way as property tax is paid. Loan guaranteed by MassDevelopment and is tied to how much money will be saved with the energy improvements to the project as compared to how the building would have performed following just the requirements of the current Building Code.

Discussion of program. Some questions arose:

- Are municipal properties in non-profit category? *(answer later determined as no.)*
- Question of one property or more in residential zoning areas with commercial designation. *(this may be a relatively small point)*
- Administrative work that Town takes on with this program.

Next Steps

Jeffrey DuBard was asked to give the Committee a concrete example of how the program works: pick a Vineyard property and lay out the steps, financing process, payback process etc...for the EC to see.

2. Minutes of January 5th and 20th, passed.

3. Discussion of informational sessions with regard to articles on ATM warrant.

2 information sessions thought to be good: 1 on a weekday (5:00), 1 on a Sunday (3:00) via Zoom. To be held in mid-late March.

Contact Vineyard Builder's Association and others to let know about sessions.

4. Other updates—

- Pool bylaw deemed to need more work by Planning Board. Will have to be worked on this year and presented in spring 2023
- RFQ for School energy analysis is out and proposals due on March 9.
- No Green Communities funding was received for lighting proposals at Library, Town Hall or Fire Station One. *(GC said payback did not meet their requirements.)*

- No GC funding for energy analysis of School. *(GC said that they would possibly provide a bit of funding for future stages but that this one needed to be paid for by the Town or School District to show commitment to the project.)*

5. Cape Light Compact updates from Erik Peckar, WT rep.

Once a quarter unless something comes up that needs discussion.

Brief discussion of CLC renewable energy percentage in their offering to customers; CLC Local Green program not having many participants; energy efficiency programs that were turned down by the DPU.

Meeting adjourned 9:55 am.

Next meeting is Wednesday March 9, 8:30 am